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Applicant: Rory Matthew Johnson
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action which was made final dated January 31, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8, and 11 as follows:

1. (THRICE AMENDED) A constant velocity universal joint boot comprising:
at one end, a cylindrical neck member for receiving a shaft; and
at the other end, an annular upturned member defining a longitudinal axis and including a crimping lip, said crimping lip having a plurality of radially distributed apertures which are oriented parallel to said longitudinal axis and are approximately 30% to 70% of said crimping lip thickness for reducing the stiffness and increasing the compressibility of said crimping lip, wherein said boot is non-convoluted.

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